



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
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From the Superintendent's Desk....

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Happy New Year! It's 2019, and with a new year comes new opportunities. I sincerely hope that students, teachers, and parents are all ready to put forth tremendous effort and work together to ensure academic success. We will know we have reached a high level of achievement when all students reach their academic potential and are prepared to enter post-secondary training (college, military, vocational school, etc.) or the workforce. If we strive for excellence and keep expectations high, students will meet and exceed those expectations. It has to be a team effort, though. Please contact myself or Mr. Bridges if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for making this an even better school district.

The winter weather has arrived. Stay warm and safe as we make our way through winter 2019.

As of this date (1-21-2019) we have missed 2 days of school because of weather. We used January 21, 2019 to make up one of those days. We will make the other day, as well as any others that we will miss, later in the school year.

As of December 1, 2018 Kerri Loyd has retired from her position as bookkeeper of the Ballard R-2 School District. Kerri has been a valuable asset to the district. In her 26 years of employment for the district she has made the transition for everyone in the district seem smooth, especially mine as I made the move to superintendent. I personally, and on behalf of the Ballard R-2 School would like to thank Kerri for her service to the district. Her dedication and knowledge will be greatly missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current school board members for the service they provide for our school district. These ladies and gentlemen provide leadership to our district because they care about the Ballard R-2 School District. With the week of February 10-16, 2019 being School Board Appreciation Week, I, on behalf of the entire district thank you for your service.

If anyone has any concerns about our school please feel free to contact me. I am more than willing to discuss the concerns with you.

Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

Happy New Year to you and your family! Well, here it is, another year and I hope it is an outstanding one for all of you. Students arrived back on January 3rd with smiles and excitement. We are so glad to have them back in the school building! Having survived the first semester, we stand ready to finish the school year with confidence. My hope is that you, too, will look forward to the challenges of the new semester, build on your achievements and put away your past disappointments. A few achievements that occurred include a schoolwide increase in reading levels, outstanding results on our AR reading program, Varsity Boys Conference Tournament Champions, and a successful Christmas concert. We have also had students being accepted to college and numerous class improvements and achievements!

Parents, please continue to reinforce good attendance habits with your son/daughter. Attendance and accuracy of attendance is extremely important in school. Excessive absences may result in missing work, which is difficult to make up, losing continuity in school work, an irresponsible attitude toward daily obligations, and failure in school.

A couple of reminders:

- If you are a guest coming into the school please check in at the office using the sliding window and receive a visitor's badge.
- If you need to contact the school about your student riding the bus or being a car rider, it is best if you CALL the school by 2:30.
- If your child is absent from school please make sure you are notifying the school either by phone call or a note presented to the office by 3:00 pm the day following the absence.
- If school needs to start late or be canceled due to inclement weather, this information will be sent via text through the school notifications along with local television and radio stations.

We have lots of great things happening during school along with busy evenings and weekends with all of our activities. Midquarter for third quarter falls on February 1st. Basketball Senior Night is February 5th against Bronaugh. Courtwarming will be on February 8th against Hume. The theme for Courtwarming this year is "Music Genre."

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Dustin L. Bridges, Principal

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Student of the Month

December

The Ballard R-II School District is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Adrian Optimist Club to honor a Student of the Month for the 2018-2019 school year.

Student of the Month is selected by the staff of the Ballard R-II School District using the following criteria: attendance, attitude towards others and school, behavior, leadership, and improvement in or maintenance of good grades.

The Student of the Month for December is senior Amanda Teagarden, daughter of Keith and Joni Teagarden. Counselor, Miranda Bridges states, "Amanda is an extremely hardworking and caring individual. She is always willing to help with anything that comes up. She spends countless hours organizing the BackSnack program and is currently organizing the Ballard Food Drive." According to technology teacher, Cheryl Murchie, "Amanda is always willing to help with anything I ask. She tries to help her fellow students when she can. I enjoy her Wacky sense of humor." Amanda was recently chosen to be a member of PAW PRIDE (Personal Responsibility Is Delivering Encouragement), a JH/HS Student Leadership Program that works with both elementary and high school age students. Amanda also participates in FFA, Volleyball, and Softball

For Amanda's hard work in school, she is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks."

Pictured: Optimist Member Mike Peterson, Amanda Teagarden and Principal Dustin Bridges

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Senior Spotlight

Kelsey Pray, 17, is the daughter of Tony and Melody Pray, and the sister of Mikayla, Brianna, and Haley Pray. Some of her favorites include her art class, the colors pink and turquoise, pizza, jalapeno poppers, and El Charros. Kelsey's dream car is a matte black and turquoise BMW. Some of Kelsey's hobbies include volleyball and hanging out with her friends and family. One of Kelsey's extracurricular activities is volleyball. Kelsey's plan after graduation is to start her own photography business. Kelsey's pet peeve is when people call her Mikayla. When asked where she sees herself in 15 years she replied with "Married with kids and a successful photography business." Kelsey's famous last words are "Umm.....".

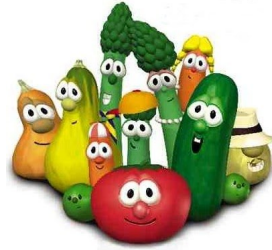


By: Amanda Teagarden

Preschool Pups

Miss Clark

It has been a fun month for the preschoolers. First they all learned about eating right and exercising properly. A member of the Bates County Health Clinic even made a visit to show them a video of exercise and vegetables. The preschoolers have also been working very hard on their sight words.



Finally, they are starting to grow up. This past week they took their first "tests". They are on their way to becoming kindergartners.

Typed by Jackson Rotert

Freaky First

Mrs. Smith



Here, in First grade we have been very busy since we have been back from break. In Math, we have moved to working on addition and subtraction with an answer bigger than ten. In Language Arts, we have been working on improving our writing. We recently wrote a story about

what it would be like to be trapped in a snowglobe. We had a blast being creative while writing our story. In Science, we were working on identifying sources of energy. In Social Studies, we have been learning about historical figures that are associated with holidays. It has been a great start to the new year!

Typed By: Mrs. Smith

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Fantastic Fifth

Mrs. Bergen



In our class we are doing economics. Mrs. Bergen made bulldog dollars to pay for things like our desks and chairs. We also have to pay for paper, pencils and lead. If we want flexible seating we also have to pay for that. We all like doing this. It's a little hard but we can keep up with it. It is really fun!

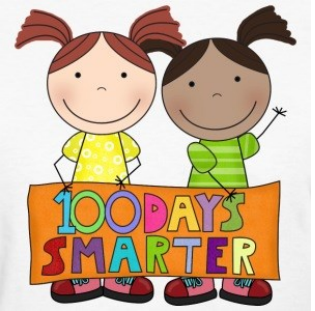
Written by: Haley Pray and Autumn Hastings

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Crazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

January has gone by so fast and our second semester is now in full swing along with a brand new year! The kindergartners have been working hard on learning all kinds of new and exciting things. We have been learning about animals and parts of a plant in Science. We are working hard with counting to 50 and then to 100 in preparation for the 100th day of school.



It is so exciting to see how much they have grown and how much they have soaked up since the beginning of the year. The 100th day of school came and we celebrated with a variety of fun activities.

We are also looking forward to cheering on the bulldogs for the courtwarming festivities. I am so proud of this year's kindergarten class and am looking forward to seeing them continue to learn even more in the months to come.

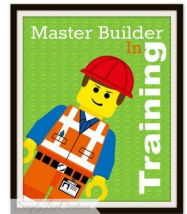
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Talented Third

Ms. Kabir

It has been a great kickoff to 2019! We are so excited to be back and learn more cool things. This month we have been doing job research papers. This research paper was the first one many of them had typed before. Here are the jobs they have chosen.....

- Zoe Fredrick**– Artist
- Gavin Schliem**– Master Lego Builder
- Nathan Bales**– Master Lego Builder
- Addilynn Engelhardt**– Farmer
- Jacob Eidson**– Professional Horse Trainer
- Owen Meade**– Magician
- Harry Greer**– Dirt bike Rider



By: Jailynn Wheeler

Stubborn Sixth

Ms. Eidson

In Sixth Grade Social Studies, we are learning about Ancient Rome and doing a project over it. In Math, we are learning Algebra. It's pretty cool. We are learning



about energy transfers in Science. Then, in Writing, we are doing a research paper for the class. Reading, the class is reading "Restart." The class is learning about prefixes in Spelling. Finally, in Grammar, we are learning about linking verbs.

Written By: Isaiah Maggard

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Elite Eighth

We all had a great Christmas and we're ready to learn again. In English, we are reading "Restart". In Gym, we are playing basketball.

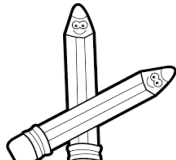
We are doing geometry in Math. We are going over the birth of our government in History. For Science, we are learning about chemical and physical changes, and states of matter. Finally, we are getting used to typing in Keyboarding.



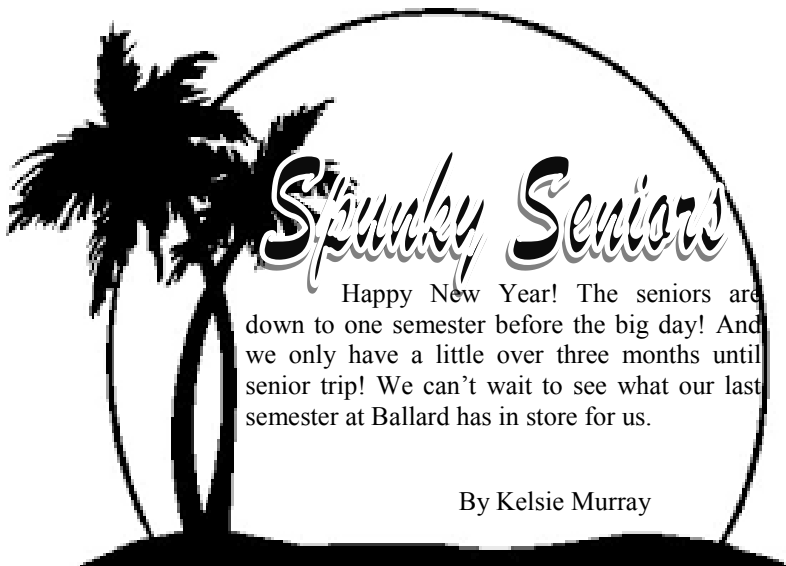
Written by Averie Bales
Typed by Kelsie Murray

Salty Sophomores

We haven't had much going on since we got back from Christmas break but we have about four more months of school left. So stay positive.



Written by: Kailee Smith
Formatted by: Morgan Wheeler



Spunky Seniors

Happy New Year! The seniors are down to one semester before the big day! And we only have a little over three months until senior trip! We can't wait to see what our last semester at Ballard has in store for us.

By Kelsie Murray

Frazzled Freshman



We had a pretty fun Christmas break, but we all wish it was longer! We are back and have to make the best of it. In History, we are talking about the 1900s and how they dressed. In Math, we are doing linear equations. In Computers, we are doing a business assignment making business cards and logos. In English, we are reading The Giver. In Science, we are learning Newton's Laws. In Gym, we are now doing health. We can't wait for spring break!

Written By: Briana Arrendondo
Typed By: Destiny Bramell

Jolly Juniors

It has been a great few weeks after Christmas break. We are still selling chicken drop tickets, so if you would like to purchase one contact a junior or one of our class sponsors, Mr. Dunkin or Mrs. Gregory. We have finally found a theme for prom and are excited to start brainstorming ideas for it.



Written by: Brianna Pray
Formatted by: Jailynn Wheeler

It's All History

Mr. Dunkin



In World History, the students are looking at the Middle Ages, 500-1500 A.D. In U.S History, the Ninth graders are learning about the Roaring 20's. Seventh grade Geography is looking at Europe. U.S. History, with the Eighth grade is talking about the Jefferson Era. The Government class is studying how Congress works. The Current Events class is looking at the value of bias.

By: Destiny Bramell

Majestic Music

Vicki Lybarger

Yikes! This school year is already half over and there is so many more things to learn about in music. This month, the high schoolers have been learning about Underground Railroad and Orchestra. The Elementary have been learning songs about animals. Who wouldn't love singing about animals? It has been a great year so far getting to teach my students about what music is really about.

Written By: Jailynn Wheeler

Seniors Learn CPR Skills



On Wednesday, January 16, during Wacky Wednesday, Nurse Dodds talked to the high school student body about CPR. She explained what CPR is, and when to perform it. She also gave statistics on the survival rate of CPR.

Then after learning the basics, the seniors got to learn how to perform CPR on both children and adults with the test mannequins. Learning to perform CPR is so important and we thank Nurse Dodds so much for teaching us about it.

By Kelsie Murray

Ag/FFA

Miss LeRosen

The Ag Power class is learning about energy sources and will be building a trailer. The Ag Structures class is talking about electrical wiring. Ag 1 is studying animal nutrition. The Ag 2 students are learning about soil horizons and profiles. Seventh Grade Ag is looking at agricultural careers. The Landscaping class is talking about greenhouse structures.

For FFA this month, on January 5, we had four students attend The State Public Speaking Institute. These students were: Dylan Tippie, Sudie Callahan, Ashton Carullo, and Keith Schmitt. On January 8. We took six first year FFA members to the Area 7 Greenhand Motivational Conference in Sedalia, these students were pictured left to right: Keith Schmitt, Katlin Martin, Ashton Carullo, Kale Oerke, River Clark, and Payton Miller.



Typed by: Destiny Bramell



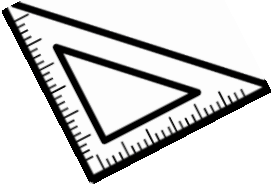
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Title 1 News

To date the 1st through 12th plus teachers, have read 1,328 books, and 27,298,648 words. Mrs. West's 2nd grade class has read the most books at 273, and Mrs. Bergen's 5th grade class has read the most words at 4,143,465.

Reading just 20 minutes a day can improve vocabulary acquisition that aids in the ACT scores, can build background knowledge, and can help in learning about a world outside our own. This is especially important for students who haven't traveled far from their own home. Nonfiction is great to read to gain knowledge of animals, careers, history, and many other subjects. READ READ READ!

By: Mrs. Ordal



What's Their Angle

The 8th grade class is in a geometry unit, and we just learned about the Triangle Sum Theorem and the Exterior Angles Theorem of Triangles. Shown in the picture below, the students are doing an informal proof that the sum of the measure of the angles of any triangle will always equal 180 degrees.

You can try this at home. Cut out a triangle, tear off two of the corners, and upon lining them up with the remaining corner, you will always create a straight line, no matter what shape of triangle is used. The measure of the angle of a straight line is 180 degrees. Therefore, adding all three angles of a triangle together will always equal 180 degrees.



Written by Mr. Bergen
Formatted by Kelsie Murray

outstanding art

Mrs. Larcom

The Kindergarten and first graders just finished their 2019 banners and we are now working on penguins.

The Second and Third graders learned how to draw snowflakes. We will be drawing snowmen using white oil pastels.

Fourth grade water colored paper with cool colors and drew snowflakes, making sure no two looks the same.

Fifth and Sixth grade created snowflake kaleidoscopes. They cut out different snowflakes, made a design, then glued them onto black paper.

Seventh grade has learned about the seven elements of art and are creating zentangle animals using patterns and lines.

Art 1 created an Elements of Art book and are now drawing landscapes that they will fill with zentangle patterns.

Advanced art is wrapping up a unit on photography and are finishing up their senior tiles.

3D art has reviewed the principals of design and are now designing a wearable sculpture.

Painting class has learned to make tints and shades of a color. They are now painting on Op art style painting.

Written by: Mrs. Larcom
Typed by: Kelsey Pray



Styling the News

The assignment was to create a piece of art that was wearable and I think I met the criteria! This dress is made up entirely out of newspaper, tape, hot glue, broken CDs., and took me approximately a week to finish . I'm so lucky to go to a school that gives so much support and encouragement.



By Kelsie Murray



Bulldogs vs Bulldogs



On Thursday, January 17, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs played the Appleton City Lady Bulldogs. Everyone on the team managed to get in the game for at least a few minutes. It was a long night and they fought hard but they ended out the night with the score being 18-42 Appleton City.

Pictured to the Right: Ashton Carullo



The Ballard Boys also played the Appleton City Bulldogs on Thursday, January 17, it was a very good game. They played very well and also managed to get every single player in the game. The Ballard Bulldogs swept the Appleton City Bulldogs with the score being 48-26 Ballard.

Pictured to the left: Brice Eidson



Written By: Brianna Pray

TAKING DOWN THE PANTHERS



Pictured above: Kale Oerke

On Friday, January 4, Ballard Lady Bulldogs played the Sheldon Panthers. It was a rough game but they played hard. They were down quite a bit at the second half but then came back. It was a hard loss but it was hard fought. The final score was 25-40 Sheldon.



It was an exciting game on Friday, January 4, for the Ballard boys team. They played the Sheldon Panthers. It was a great night and they played very hard. They worked very hard and played very well as a team. They managed to beat the Panthers for the second time. They ended out the night with the score being 54-42 Ballard.



Pictured above: Serenity Morris

Catching the Bluejays



Pictured above: Katlin Martin

It was an exciting night on Thursday, January 15, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs played the Montrose Lady Bluejays. It was a very good game and it had everyone on the edge of their seats. We started off the night very well, but towards the end we let some points slip away from us. At the end of the game the score was 20-43 Montrose.

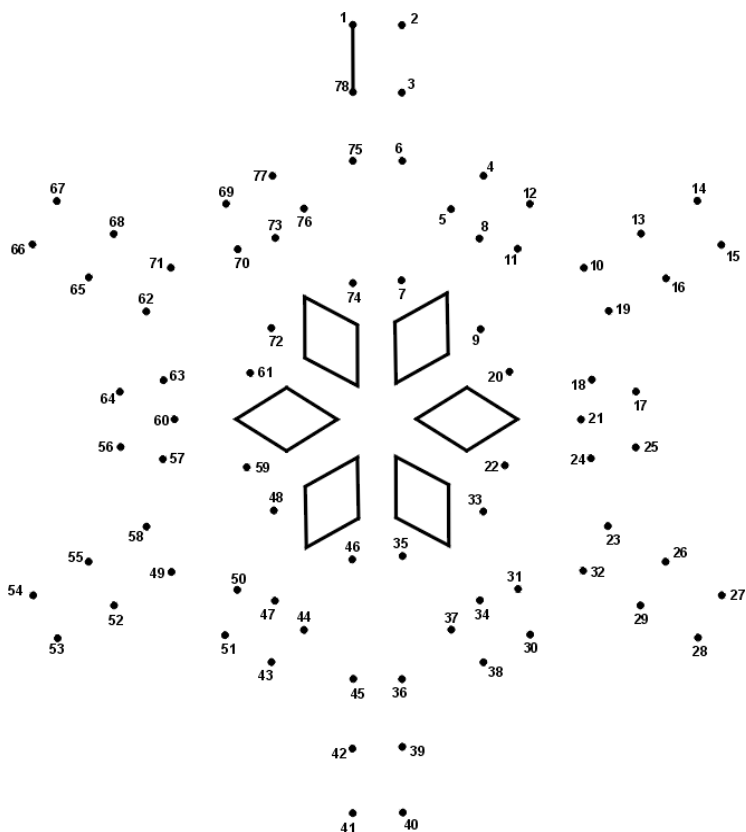
On Thursday, January 15, the Ballard Bulldogs played the Montrose Bluejays. The boys played very hard and the score kept going back and forth. They fought hard to the end and deserved the win with the score being 48-45 Ballard.



Picture above: Jake Light

Written By: Brianna Pray

Fun Page



Where can you find an ocean without any water?

A: On a map

What do you call a snowman party?

A: A snowball

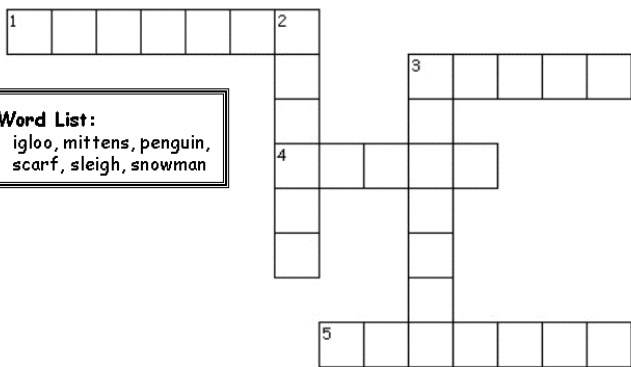
What did the snowman have for breakfast?

A: Frosted flakes

What do snowmen wear on their heads?

A: Ice caps

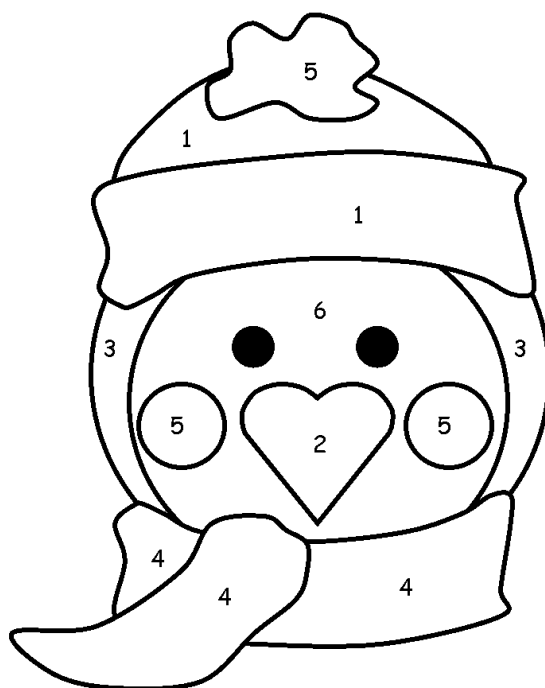
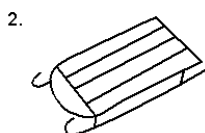
Winter Crossword



Across



Down



1-Blue 2-Orange 3 Black 4 Green 5 Red 6-White

By: Amanda Teagarden

